

## **REMARKS**

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated January 10, 2005, Applicants, through and by their representative, elect the claims of Invention I, claims 1-21, drawn to a therapeutic composition comprising a polypeptide capable of binding to at least one of  $\alpha 6\beta 1$  integrin receptor and  $\alpha 6\beta 4$  integrin receptor, for examination on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled claims 22-42 as directed to a non-elected invention.

In response to the requirement to elect a single specific polypeptide species for prosecution on the merits, Applicants elect the species of claims 2, 3 and 19, directed to a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment, mutant, homolog, ortholog, analog, or allele thereof. Applicant would like to point out that SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:6 can both be found within SEQ ID NO: 2, and thus Applicants request the withdrawal of this species election requirement, as the inventions of claims 3-7 and claims 20 and 21 read upon the inventions of claims 2 and 19, respectively.

In response to the requirement to elect a single specific second component chemically bound to the first polypeptide component of claim 15, Applicants elect the polypeptide agent IL-2. As such, claim 17, directed to a non-protein second component is withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species.

Applicants further submit that claims 1 and 8-16 are generic to these species elections, and as such Applicants request allowance of dependent claims directed to non-elected species should any independent generic claims be held allowable.

Examiner Haddad is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions with regard to this application.

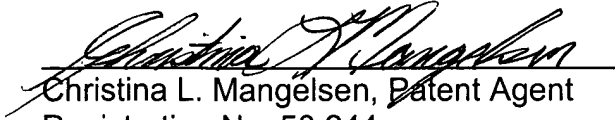
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